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To: [Faultry, Charles](#)
Cc: [Charles Curtis Grisham Jr.](#); [Murray, Suzanne](#); [Curry, Ron](#); [Mccarthy, Gina](#); [Mason, Darryl](#); [Elkins, Arthur](#); [Miller, Kevin](#)
Subject: Fwd: EPA's Shawn Ghose to PRP McKesson's Jean Mescher: "Jean : Please delete this after reading."
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Mr. Faultry,

Please review the below forwarded message and the attachments that were sent by me nearly two years ago to Carlos Sanchez, Chief, AR/TX Section, Region 6, Superfund Division (6SF-RA) about the behavior of his employee Shawn Ghose, Remedial Project Manager for Arkwood Superfund Site (EPA ID# ARD084930148 Site ID: 0600124.)

The emails I attached were received in response to a Freedom of Information Act request. These emails are evidence of serious impropriety that may rise to the level of fraud, and I still believe the matter should be investigated, particularly in light of recent EPA scandals with similar elements, **especially** that of convicted felon John Beale, another improperly-supervised EPA employee who was paid by the agency for work he did not perform for a period spanning a number of years.

I was dismayed when you told me today that Mr. Ghose was "retired." I felt he should have been discharged for cause, forfeited his government benefits and possibly prosecuted.



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Did Mr. Sanchez ever discuss my below complaints regarding EPA employee Shawn Ghose, who was in your organization? Do you feel it was appropriate to allow Mr. Ghose to retire when I had raised serious ethical questions about his emails and the behavior they evidenced?

I believe EPA should investigate thoroughly the dubious circumstances and lack of scientific integrity surrounding the addition of Arkwood to the NPL, which is the subject of my current FOIA appeal being handled by Mr. Kevin Miller of EPA Office of General Counsel Information Law Practice Group.

I believe EPA should also investigate thoroughly the conduct of former EPA employee Shawn Ghose as RPM for Arkwood --- including the specific matters about which I formally complained to his supervisor Carlos Sanchez in 2012 --- which conduct is in part the subject of my OIG Hotline complaint # 2013-262.

That complaint was referred back to Region 6 without explanation by Special Agent Clay M. Brown, Desk Officer for the OIG Hotline.

I hope you will make it your responsibility to address these matters as well as the ones we have already discussed regarding Arkwood's future.

Sincerely,

Charles Grisham, Jr.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Grish <curt@grish.org>

Subject: Fwd: EPA's Shawn Ghose to PRP McKesson's Jean Mescher: "Jean : Please delete this after reading."

Date: January 22, 2014 at 2:29:19 PM PST

To: mason.darryl@epa.gov

Cc: "Charles Curtis Grisham Jr." <curt@grish.org>

Mr. Mason,

I don't know if I showed you this. This is just one example of why the Inspector General should investigate the circumstances of Arkwood's being placed on the NPL originally and how the site was conducted by EPA since, including by this former RPM who I'm told is no longer with EPA subsequent to my calling Carlos' attention to the FOIA-derived email document that told volumes about the situation.

Sincerely,

Curt Grisham

Begin forwarded message:

From: "grish.org" <curt@grish.org>

Subject: EPA's Shawn Ghose to PRP McKesson's Jean Mescher: "Jean : Please

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Date: April 19, 2012 at 3:07:47 PM PDT

To: Carlos Sanchez <Sanchez.Carlos@epamail.epa.gov>

Cc: "grish.org" <curt@grish.org>, Gloria-Small Moran <Moran.Gloria-Small@epamail.epa.gov>

Dear Carlos,

Please see the attached documents for reference.

As I said to you today, I have a huge problem with any Federal employee who would issue an email from a government email account to a private corporation beginning with the following sentence in bold:

"Please delete this after reading."

The above is a quote from EPA RPM Shawn Ghose to PRP McKesson Corporation's employee Jean Mescher in his email to her of June 21, 2011 regarding extremely important and technical information that materially affected the outcome of the Third Five-Year Review Report for the Arkwood Inc. Superfund site.

I attach also Jean Mescher's reply to Shawn Ghose's secretive inquiry, wherein Ms. Mescher literally dictates to Mr. Ghose by inserting in block letters the language he is to use for edits to the draft Third Five-Year Review Report.

The contents of this and other attached emails also exhibit Mr. Ghose's inexcusable personal ignorance of the most basic details regarding the Arkwood site remediation project, for which Mr. Ghose has had primary EPA responsibility for many years.

As the emails show, Mr. Ghose from the start allowed and encouraged Mr. Mescher to originate, author and otherwise control the Third Five-Year Review Report for Arkwood from first draft through all its revision, with a demonstrably negative material impact upon the site's viability for future reuse.

Ms. Mescher dictated to Mr. Ghose the form of the final version of the Third Five-Year Review Report for Arkwood, as Mr. Ghose repeatedly asked in writing for Mr. Mescher to supply language and to approve various changes and additions to the final version (examples attached.)

A particularly disturbing example (attached) is Ms. Mescher's email to Mr. Ghose of March 21, 2011, wherein Ms. Mescher asks:

"Shawn,

I know that we're running out of time but do you want me to modify the draft five-year report to incorporate the ADEQ comments or certain of their comments?

Jean"

The next day, on March 22, 2011, Mr. Ghose writes to Ms. Mescher:

"No time has run out."

Comments on the draft Third Five-Year Review Report from ADEQ, from EPA

management and from myself were systematically and willfully ignored and excluded by Mr. Ghose from the final version of the Third Five-Year Review Report.

Mr. Ghose supplied Ms. Mescher with the cover page (attached) to place on the Third Five-Year Review Report, the source document for which Ms. Mescher possessed and controlled throughout the production process.

This cover page clearly states: "Prepared By Region 6 United States Environmental Protection Agency Dallas, Texas" even though the document was prepared by Jean Mescher, employee of PRP McKesson Corporation.

There are other examples of Mr. Ghose's failures of trust, integrity and competency documented within the some 225 documents provided to me as responsive to my Freedom of Information Act request to EPA.

I ask that Shawn Ghose immediately be removed as Arkwood RPM and replaced with an EPA RPM who will perform her or his duties in an unbiased, diligent and incorruptible manner.

I ask that you review all of the documents that were provided to me responsive to my FOIA request 06-FOI-00121-12, with particular regard for those authored or received by EPA employee Shawn Ghose or by PRP McKesson Corporation's Jean Mescher.

I ask that disciplinary proceedings be initiated against Shawn Ghose for any and all breaches of the public trust, violations of law or EPA policy, or failures of his fiduciary responsibility in the course of performing his duties at EPA, of which I believe I am providing irrefutable examples here.

Thank you,

Curt Grisham

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